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SUBJ: SECRETARY BUTZ VISIT: US ROMANIAN COOPERATION ON
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

1. QUENTIN WEST, STANLEY BROWN AND ROBERT SVEC MET WITH MEMBERS OF ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOREST SCIENCES OF ROMANIAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE ON NOVEMBER 22, 1975. REPRESENTING ACADEMY WERE NICOLAE GIOSAN, CHAIRMAN, ALEXANDRU COVOR, DIRECTOR GENERAL AND SEVERAL DIRECTORS OF INSTITUTES WHICH ARE PART OF ACADEMY. PURPOSE WAS TO DISCUSS IMPLEMENTATION OF TWO PROTOCOLS SIGNED BY SEC. BUTZ AND MIN. MICULESCU ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1975 ON COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE AND DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE.

2. THE ACADEMY IS ALSO WORKING ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH NEBRASKA AND IOWA STATE UNIVERSITIES. GIOSAN THOUGHT THESE PROGRAMS COULD BE IMPLEMENTED THROUGH THE USDA/MINAG PROTOCOL ON COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN USDA AND UNIVERSITIES WAS EXPLAINED AND IT WAS MADE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CLEAR THAT THESE ARE SEPARATE ARRANGEMENTS. PROTOCOL ONLY

INVOLVES USDA. PROGRAMS WITH UNIVERSITIES WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT DIRECTLY WITH THEM. ROMANIAN INTEREST IN CORN RESEARCH AND HOG BREEDING WAS WITH UNIVERSITIES, SO THESE WERE DROPPED FROM DISCUSSION.

3. PROBLEM OF FUNDING FOR US PARTICIPATION WAS DISCUSSED. IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT THERE IS A REAL GAP IN US FINANCIAL ABILITY TO ENGAGE IN COOPERATIVE SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE IN AGRICULTURE WITH COUNTRIES WHICH ARE NOT UNDER AID PROGRAMS.

4. IT WAS AGREED THAT A MODEST LEVEL OF COOPERATION BEGIN IN EACH OF FIVE AREAS INCLUDED IN ANNEX TO PROTOCOL IN THE FORM OF EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, PUBLICATION, RESEARCH REQUESTS AND RESEARCH MATERIALS. SEC. BUTZ AND MIN. MICULESCU AGREED THAT COOPERATION IN GREATER DEPTH SHOULD BE LIMITED TO TWO PROJECTS. GIOSAN SAID ANYTHING IN THE FINE AREAS MENTIONED IN ANNEX OF PROTOCOL WOULD BE OF INTEREST. WE SUGGESTED SUNFLOWER AND FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE BUT SAID IT WAS UP TO ARS. USDA WOULD ADVISE ROMANIA OF ARS INTEREST WITHIN A MONTH AS IT MAY AFFECT COMPOSITION OF THEIR TEAM.

5. DEFINITE PLANS WERE MADE FOR JOINT WORKING GROUP TO MEET DURING JANUARY 20-30 IN WASHINGTON, D.C. REPRESENTATIVES FROM BOTH SIDES WILL BE IN A POSITION TO IMPLEMENT BOTH PROTOCOLS -- COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE AND DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE. ROMANIAN SIDE MAY PLAN SOME VISITS IN U.S. IN CONJUNCTION WITH MEETING BUT THEY UNDERSTAND IT WOULD BE AT THEIR EXPENSE.

6. THEY ALSO INDICATED AN INTEREST IN FELLOWSHIPS TO THE U.S. WE SAID NOT MUCH OPPORTUNITY FOR NON-AID COUNTRIES. PROMISED TO GIVE MORE COMPLETE ANSWER AT JANUARY MEETING. VIETS

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